

Alright, imagine
this as a **survival**
manual for
arguing in the age
of cyber-feudal
swagger, where
the Lord of the
Manor brings
“alternative

facts", a personal mythos, and a small army of lawyers. Here's a ten-step cookbook, spicy and pragmatic, designed to keep people from

being rhetorically
bulldozed or
intimidated.

**1. Don't
argue about
numbers
you can't**

check

Trump-style
rhetoric throws
bizarrely precise
numbers around
(11,888
murderers, 18
trillion, 25,000

lives per boat).

These aren't
facts, they're
emotional
explosives.

Strategy:

Call out the
pattern, not the
number.

Example: “When someone uses dramatic numbers without sources, that’s usually emotional persuasion, not evidence.”

2. Reframe instead of reacting

If you follow his
frame (“Ukraine
lost”, “Europe
decaying”), you
already lost half

the argument.

Tactic:

Shift the frame.

Example: “The

issue isn’t

whether Ukraine

is losing, but

whether we

accept aggression

as normal
statecraft.”

3. Name the
rhetorical
trick in real
time

Don't drown in

content. Name
the move.

- exaggeration
- scapegoating
- playing victim
- mythification
- dominance

display

Example: “You’re

framing
disagreement as
weakness. That's
a dominance
tactic, not an
argument."

That sentence
alone breaks the
spell.

4. Separate

emotional

logic from

factual logic

Trump arguments

are powered by

emotion (threat,

betrayal, decline).

Answer the
emotion first,
facts second:

“I get that decline
feels frightening.
Now let’s look at
what is actually
happening.”

Human brains
calm down when
you acknowledge
the feelings being
weaponized.

**5. Treat his
myth as
narrative,**

not

information

You can't defeat
mythology with
spreadsheets.

Example: "That's
an interesting
story, but policies

need evidence,
not just
anecdotes.”

You instantly
change the power
relation: he’s
telling stories,
you’re doing
reasoning.

6. Don't duel insults with insults

His strategy is to
drag you into
personality
combat.

Don't take the

bait.

Go meta:

“When arguments become personal, it usually means someone’s avoiding substance.”

That lands like a

rhetical slap,
minus the mud-
wrestling.

**7. Ask for
mechanism,
not promises**

Trump-logic loves
magical causality:

“I call someone
and trillions
appear.”

Your counter-
spell:

“How exactly
would that work
step by step.”

Mechanisms are

kryptonite to
fairy tales.

8. Highlight contradictions calmly

Not “you’re
wrong”, but “if
what you say is

true, then explain this...”

- If protecting sovereignty is the goal, why reward aggression
- If migration destroys

nations, why

praise

authoritarian

leaders who

hollow out

institutions

Contradictions

force his narrative

to answer itself.

9. Don't play
defense—

present a

damn

alternative

Authoritarian

rhetoric wins

when liberal
minds behave like
apologetic
accountants.

Offer an
alternative story:

- collective
security
- rule of law

- resilient
democracy
- cooperative
sovereignty

Counter-myth
with better myth.
Humans are story
species.

10. The final
boss move:
expose the
power play

Most of this
rhetoric isn't
about truth. It's

about dominance.

Say it:

“This argument
isn't about facts,
it's about
justifying power.”

Game over.

Bullies don't

know what to do

when you unveil
their core
algorithm.

Bonus vibe

Remember you
don't need to

“win” a debate
with a cyber-
feudal overlord.
The real audience
is everyone
watching. Use
clarity like a
sword, humor like
armor, and don't

let yourself get
dragged into the
swamp of
conspiracy
numerology.

The trick isn't
beating the logic;
it's refusing the
logic-trap.

